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Flush Honey Buckets Good Bye!

By AlexAnna Salmon
and Jordan Searles

The water and sewer project is going on in Igiugig. The workers are laying down pipes to all the houses except Searles. The house is in a swampy place and needs special pipes which are not in yet. The workers will be working until the first part of December and the project should be finished by early next summer.



The biggest problem for the project is lack of materials and the time it takes getting them here. Another problem is they are getting the wrong sized pipes. The toilets, bathtubs, and sinks for the houses that don't have them in yet are near Searles' home.

The pipes that were laid down over ten years ago will be taken out and thrown in the dump. The reason for this is by the time they are out they will be so broken up and in pieces that they will be a mess.

The workers are Tref and Michael Andrew, Gary Teague, Daryll Hobson, Charlie Nelson, Brad Angason, Mick Bradford, John Williams, Keith Searles, Milt Hanson and the boss Windy Skafelstead.

The money for the water project comes from United States Public Health Service. It comes in a form of the grant. The United States

Public Health Service and the Village Council wrote the grant. The Village Council has been trying to get this grant for six years.

As far as the weather is concerned, it is going fine. "If they would have started thirty days earlier they would have been done", said Windy. I guess thirty days makes all the difference to whether you can finish something or not.

It seems that they are starting to slow down, because it is cold and snowing out. Also, because the ground is starting to freeze so it is harder to dig.

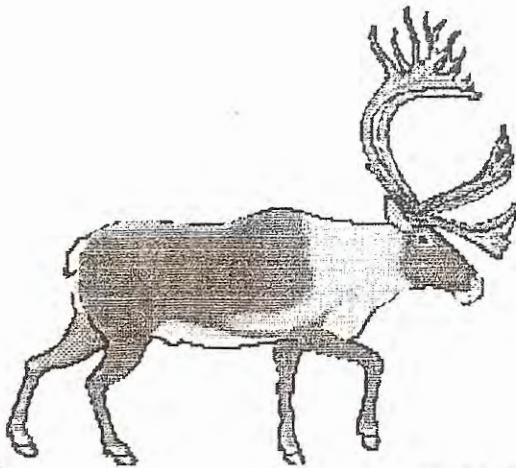
The water and sewer project is going well. We hope there are no major problems. We think that everyone will appreciate this project in the future.

Caribou Change Migration Route

By Kelsey Searles

Summer's gone and fall is here, but where are the caribou? Not many came back this summer and those which did, when spotted, were quickly shot for the winter supply of food. Caribou usually come back year after year, but when the food diminishes they change their migratory routes.

Larry VanVadale from Fish & Game said that the caribou are north of the Mulchatna River. The major herds that come around the Bristol Bay Region are the Mulchatna Herd that consists of 200,000 caribou, the North Peninsula that has 12,000 caribou, and the South Peninsula herd which has 3,000 caribou.
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When asked "What impact will this have on the people around this region?" VanVadale replies "They will have less caribou and will have to rely on moose as their main food supply."

When caribou go to more populated areas there are more shot. But caribou tend to stay away from humans in populated areas unlike moose.

The hunting seasons on caribou is from August 1-April 15. A hunter may shoot up to five caribou but only two may be bulls.

Igiugig Bear Tales

By Tanya Jo Salmon

Igiugig people have seen lots of bears here. I am going to tell you the whole story about the bears and give you some information on bears.

It all began in July when a bear got in Mary Olympic's fish camp. It kept hanging around. One time when Mary was inside she heard a bang on the outside, it was the bear. Finally she had to shoot it. A woman across the river fed fish to two-year old cub. The cub then broke her window. Other people saw bears during the summer also.

In the fall the bears came back. People were seeing bear tracks every day. There were tracks from a sow and young cub at the dump and in the road by Charlie Groat's. There were tracks of a really big bear at Big Hill and Sand Hill. Dogs were barking every night because of bears and there were always tracks on the beach. Some people were nervous about going outside in the dark because of all the bears.

Finally Trefim Andrew shot a bear that had been hanging around. Then a bear got in

Anecia and Gary's meat shack. Kevin, Anecia's son, said, "Bears got in two or three different times." One night Gary went out in the porch, a bear was in the porch too. Gary shot it with a shotgun in the rump. A bear tore up Big Mountain Lodge and got in the building. Another bear was by Mick's house trying to get in. Randy Alvarez shot a two or three year old cub, Sandy said, "It was a little one, it was a female." It turned out that it was the one Gary had wounded. Since the cub was shot the bears quit hanging around.

Most bears live in Europe, Asia, and North America. Bears usually hibernate in the winter. Bears live in frosted lands, on shores and islands that provide food and cover. Bears have loose skin and shaggy fur. They have an excellent sense of smell but poor vision and hearing. Grizzly bears are related to Alaska brown bears. Polar bears have fur on their soles they won't slip on the ice.

Kvichak Rainbows: Fished Wrong or Overfished?

by Forrest Baumfalk

Why are there fewer trout left to catch? There have been many complaints of finding dead rainbows on the sand bars and fewer fish observed following the heaviest time of sport fishing. Annie Wilson and Mary Olympic are just two of many people that have seen dead trout on the sand bars.

Many local people think the dead fish are from poor releases by catch and release fishermen. Some fishermen keep fish out of the water too long in order to take pictures. Others throw fish back in the water rather than holding them in the water to allow them to rest. Often fish can be dropped accidentally in the boat if people get careless.

Some think that sports fishermen are taking too many large fish out of the river so the breeding population is shrinking. One local elder (Mary Olympic) expresses her feelings on this. "It is unkind. Soon, there will be no big fish left, which we use in many ways. While releasing you must hold the fish's head up river till it swims away on its own." She and others

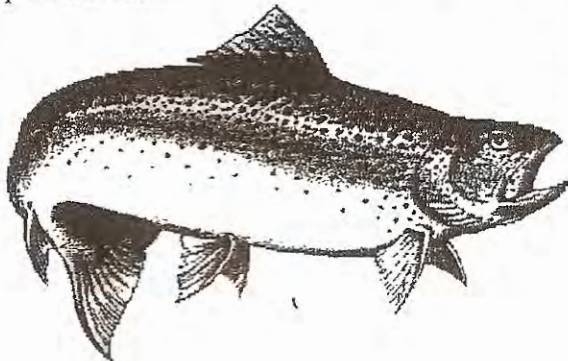
know that fishing was better before so many sports fisherman started coming to Igiugig. Sometimes she sees as many as twenty rainbows of all sizes washed upon sandbars at one time.

I asked Dan Dunaway of Fish & Game in Dillingham about the numbers of dead trout being observed. He felt that some of the deaths were caused by the use of too large hooks but, that most deaths were caused by bait fishing that results in hooks being swallowed. It is very difficult to release successfully a fish that is caught on bait. Mr. Dunaway stated that "Fish & Game are trying to every summer give lessons in Anchorage on how to release fish correctly."

In order to release a fish properly-

- Land the fish quickly.
- Keep the fish in the water.
- Keep hands away from the gills.
- Handle the fish gently.
- Back the hook out.
- Cut your line if the fish is deeply hooked.
- Keep only the fish you need.

Although the fishing is down they may come back strong as ever if people use care and respect the fish.



Igiugig's Volunteer Preschool

By Christi Salmon

Three years ago, Sandy, Kjersti, and Julie got together and decided to start a volunteer preschool. The first year Sandy and Kjersti taught Jon, Tallan, Grady, and Angel. The next year, Bernadette was hired as Igiugig's ICWA

worker so she helped Sandy with preschool. They taught Grady, Angel, Shayna, Jeremy, and Timothy. This year their students are Shayna, Jeremy, Grady, and Angel. Preschool is on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:30 to 12:00 A.M.

Last week I went to observe preschool. They started off by sorting their animal cards. Then they sat and read Curious George Gets a Job. The kids talked about there story before they read it. They talked about what people had jobs, and what their jobs were. Next they went to the table to paint a picture about Curious George. Now that was really fun! (Oh, did I forget to tell you that I just didn't watch, but participated also.) After painting Sandy and Bernadette wiped the table down and got the water ready for the kids to wash their hands with. Did you know that the kids take turns bringing snack to school? Well they do, they all like it to be their snack week because when it is your snack week you get to be in line first to wash your hands, and choose where everybody gets to sit around the table. After lunch the kids get ready to go home, and their parents come to pick them up.

Before the kids, Sandy, and Bernadette left I asked them what their favorite things to do in preschool were and these were their answers. Grady's is play hide- and- seek with the duckies, Angel's is the same. Shayna's is to color with pink or purple, Jeremey's is to drive cars around in the rice pile. Sandy's is story time. Bernadette's is to play with gloop. Mine is snack time.

Party On First Grade!

By Chevelle Searles

On November 2nd the preschool, kindergarten and first grade had a party. The reason, Davy Alvarez, Tallan Baumfalk, and Jon Salmon had each read twenty books. Way to go first graders!! So they invited the preschool to join them in a party.

The first thing that they did was have snack so they wouldn't be hungry or spoil their lunch. Their snack was grapes, rice pudding with Cool Whip and Halloween candy. The popcorn didn't work out.

Then the first-grader read to the preschoolers, books such as **Can You?** and **Foolish Goose, I Am Frightened!** and **Yellow Fish, Blue Fish**. The favorite seemed to be **My Messy Room**. They read in places such as under the teachers desk and on the couch, anywhere they could get comfy. After a while of that the preschoolers and kindergartners got inspired and tried to read themselves. They were very good.

Last, but not least, they played in the gym. They had fun playing games such as Duck, Duck, Goose and Red Light, Green Light. The students also enjoyed showing how to stand on their heads. Before all that and most important of all the first graders and Timothy showed the preschoolers the proper stretching procedures. The preschoolers then stayed for lunch and were joined by their mothers.

When asked about the party the most common answer was "It was fun!"

A.A Meet Fun

By James Carteeti

On the first day of the Academic Athletic Meet (A.A Meet) we had icebreakers. They helped us get to know each other better. We also found out who the rookies were.

We sang songs like "The Frog Song":

"MM, MM, Went
the little green frog one day,
MM, MM, Went the little
green frog... and they all
went MM,MM,AH. Honk,
Honk Went the big bad bus
one day, Honk, Honk, Went
the big bad bus... and they
all went MM,MM, SPLAT
!"

That is one example of a song. Another song is the "Fishing Song":

"I went a fishing on a hot
summer day, leaned on a
fence and the fence gave
way, with my hands in my
hands, watching all the fish

do the hoochy coochy
dance..."

Last, but not least, we sang "Calamine, Calamine, Calamine Lotion".

Then, Bernie divided us into groups. There were six groups, twelve or more to a group. So there were between seventy and eighty students at the A.A Meet. A teacher or two was assigned to each group. The groups got together and talked about the news broadcast project for the next day.

After the team selections we ate dinner, which was from 5:00 P.M to 6:00 P.M. During that break most of us got to know each other more and played basketball or volleyball circles and stuff like that.

Then from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. we did Native Youth Olympics demonstrations and practice. Bernie had people demonstrate the different events for the people who didn't know what to do. When everybody had the idea we started practicing.

When practice was over we broke into teams of three and played three on three basket ball. We played from 7:45 - 10:00 P.M. Then we got ready for bed and lights were out at 11:00 P.M. Some people stayed awake and listened to music, or played Gameboys.

The next morning we woke up and went to eat breakfast. After breakfast we got into our groups and worked on scripts and props for our news broadcasts. We worked on those for about four hours. When we were done some people went around to see the good ideas the other groups had.

Lunch was from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. When we were through with lunch we began to record our broadcasts. Groups recorded all the way until dinner time.

After dinner we played a game called, "Prisoner's Base." The way you play is by putting bowling pins in the middle of each half of the gym. People try to get to those bowling pins and throw them to their side. A player from their team tries to catch the pin. If no one catches it, the person who threw it has to go to jail on the side they threw it from. We played for an hour and a half. From 7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. we prepared for the dance.

The dance lasted three hours. During that time many people danced, it was fun. After the dance people went to bed.

The next morning we watched our news broadcasts, which were really good. Then we went to Student Government workshops in different rooms. We spent about twenty-five minutes in each room. We had our Student Government meeting after that and schools gave reports on what they are doing to make money. I thought that the A.A meet was very fun.

If you would like to see the news broadcasts you may borrow the video from the school. Bernie took all the news broadcasts and put them all on one tape. Each broadcast is about twenty minutes long, so the movie is about two hours long.

FOOTBALL

By Kevin Olympic

The first football game was played in 1875. A year later they organized the Intercollegiate Football Association forming rules. Fifteen players on a team played on a 100 yard by 40 yard field. Back then a safety was 1 point, touchdown was 2, field goal after touchdown was 4, field goal with out touchdown was 5.

Now teams play on a 100 yard field from goal line to goal line, and two 10 yard end zones. It is 53 1/3 yards wide and 120 yard long. The game is 60 minutes long made up of four 15 minute periods. There is 1 minute of rest after the 1st and 3rd quarters. at half-time they get a 20 minute rest. You get a first down for every 10 yards gained.

Now, a touchdown is 6 points, a field goal after a touchdown is 1, a field goal is 3 points without a touchdown. You also get 2 points for a touchdown after a touchdown instead of a field goal. You can get 2 points if the other team goes into the safety.

Football is enjoyed by lots of people all over the United States. In fact, people in Igiugig enjoy football. Some of their favorite teams are; 49ers, Cowboys, Broncos, Bills and the Chiefs.



Alaska History Corner

SOAPY SMITH AND THE GOLD RUSH DAYS

By Chevelle Searles

In 1880 Joe Juneau and Dick Harris discovered gold at Quartz Creek, near Juneau, and that started the great Alaskan Gold Rush. Over 60,000 people flocked to Alaska as newspapers across the country screamed "Bonanza!".

Among the 60,000 people that came there were some outlaws and swindlers. One of them was the famous Jefferson Randolph Smith, better known as Soapy Smith. Soapy settled down in Skagway.

Soapy owned saloons and gambling parlors, people usually came out penniless, they couldn't win against marked cards and loaded dice?

Soapy ran a telegraph office, the telegrams were expensive but they were tossed into the waste basket, there weren't any telegraph lines out of Skagway.

Smith also established a recruiting office for volunteers for the Spanish American War. When they went for their medical checkups Soapy took all their possessions of any value.

Smiths reputation became known in places such as San Francisco and Seattle.

The citizens of Skagway met at Sylvester hall

and then they adjourned out to the dock to discuss the problem of Soapy. When Smith came out to investigate. Frank Reid and Smith shot each other. Smith died immediately and Mr. Reid died soon afterward. Engraved on Reid's head stone it says "Frank Reid, He gave his life for the honor of Skagway." They died in 1898

Whatever Happened To... Howard Nelson?

By Ida Nelson

Howard's full name is Howard John Nelson. Howard was born in 1964 and started first grade in 1970. They had no preschool or kindergarten back then. He went from first grade to high school. Howard made it to high school and graduated 1982. All of his friends graduated with him. They are Raymond, Lydia, Alex, and Tref.

I asked Howard if he would go back and try high school again for any reason. He said "I would like to go and try the fun activities in high school again." What did they do during the prom? They had a pot luck and a dance. In 1980 Howard's son Kevin Olympic was born. After high school he went to collage at UAF in Fairbanks, Alaska. He stayed for two years. He never stayed to graduate from collage. Then he wanted to move to Levelock and be a V.P.S.O.

Howard got married in 1994 to Glendora Anelon. He now has a step daughter, Myrtle Lynn. He is now living in Levelock building a house. He is no longer a V.P.S.O.

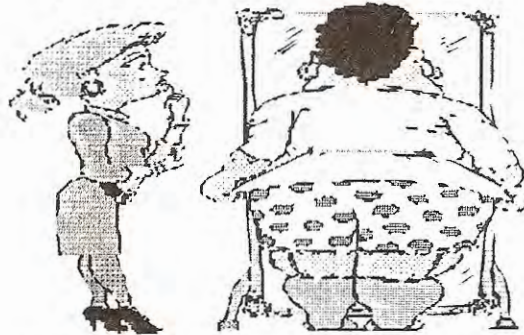
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Great, it fits you perfectly!



Life is not easy, take more than your share!



Go ask your mother!